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SUBJECT: TREATMENT OF AGRICULTURE IN THE MTNS

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1. THE EC COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES (COREPER) FAILED TO COME TO A CONCLUSION ON NOVEMBER 20 IN REGARD TO THE TREATMENT OF AGRICULTURE IN THE MTNS.

2. FRENCH AMBASSADOR SOUTOU SAID THAT HE COULD ACCEPT THE DENT/SOAMES TEXT PROVIDED IT WAS SUPPLEMENTED BY AN INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT IN THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL. HE PROPOSED SUCH A TEXT AND STATED THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY THAT THE COMMUNITY READ THIS TEXT TO THE UNITED STATES IN WASHINGTON AND IN GENEVA, AND THAT IT BE ISSUED AS A GATT DOCUMENT. HE SEEMED TO AGREE TO A NUMBER OF CHANGES IN THE WORDING OF THE TEXT AT THE INSTANCE OF THE COMMISSION. HOWEVER, HE FAILED TO BACK AWAY FROM HIS INSISTENCE THAT THE TEXT BE ISSUED AS A GATT
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DOCUMENT EVEN THOUGH OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN THE MEETING POINTED

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OUT
THAT ISSUEANCE OF SUCH A TEXT AS A GATT DOCUMENT WOULD EFF-
ECTIVELY UNDERMINE THE COMPROMISE PROPOSAL.

2. OUR SOURCES (IN THE BRITISH AND GERMAN PERMREPS) SAY THAT
THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT ON THE TEXT, AND ALSO ON THE IDEA
OF CONVEYING THIS TEXT TO THE US. WHAT THE OTHERS RESISTED WAS
THE FRENCH IDEA OF CIRCULATING THE TEXT TO THIRD PARTIES.

3. MOST MEMBERS OF COREPER WISHED TO REACH AGREEMENT IN TIME FOR
A DENT-GUNDELACH MEETING (SCHEDULED FOR 9:30 PM, BRUSSELS TIME,
NOVEMBER 20). COREPER PRESIDENT AMBASSADOR BOMBASSEI
(ITALY) ATTEMPTED TO GET THE FRENCH TO WITHDRAW FROM THEIR
POSITION. THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR (WHO, OUR SOURCES BELIEVE, WAS
ACTING ON ORDERS FROM A HIGH LEVEL) AGREED TO SEEK NEW INST-
RUCTIONS FROM PARIS, BUT THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 10:00 PM
WITOUT SUCH INSTRUCTIONS HAVEING BEEN RECEIVED.

4. THE ARTICLE 113 COMMITTEE IS MEETING TODAY AND WILL ALMOST
CERTAINLY DISCUSS THIS SAME SUBJECT:. OUR PERMREP SOURCES HOLD
OUT LITTLE HOPE THAT PROGRESS WILL BE MADE, HOWEVER.

5. ON THE BASIS OF OUR CONVERSATIONS WE HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT
THE TEXT PROPOSED BY THE FRENCH CONTAINED THE SAME MAIN POINTS
AS THE TEXT GIVEN IN REF A; WE DO NOT KNOW, HOWEVER, HOW THE
REVISIONS DISCUSSED IN THE MEETING WOULD HAVE CHANGED THIS TEXT.
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